

composed by Dr. Frye especially for left-handed people, and the pastor gave out certificates of membership in his new order. Rube Marquard was not among those present. Perhaps the E. O. of the K. and L. of E. will get him later.

INFANTS BUT THEY ARE 17 AND 21 YEARS OLD.

San Francisco, May 24.—An "infant" boy, aged 21 years, and his "infant" sister, aged 17, have been discovered in the heart of San Francisco. The boy is James Crummey, the girl Mary Crummey. They lived with their mother until she died, two months ago, and they were discovered by neighbors.

In the cheerless rooms of the dingy little house they were confined all their lives. Some inexplicable caprice led the mother to keep them prisoners. Their father died when they were infants in years.

But when discovered they were no farther along in mentality than they were during the time they wore swaddling clothes.

"They are not idiots," says Dr. C. D. McGettigan of the city insanity commission. "Their brains have simply been stifled. They will pick up rapidly the impressions that develop the mature mind. I talked with the boy. He knows almost nothing except to feed himself and several other elemental activities that are the heritage of instinct.

"He didn't know the alphabet. He had never seen a railway train,

although he had seen a street car go past the window of his prison. The "children" were absolutely devoid of knowledge of the flowers, the trees, the birds, the glory of being out of doors.

"His and his sister's cases are of the most remarkable and mysterious on record of stifled cerebral development. How the mother succeeded in escaping the attention I can't understand.

"The two are past the school age of average high school pupils, yet neither knows as much as a kindergarten tot who builds with blocks and plies the needles in making the little rudimentary articles in the making of which the youngster learns to use his hands and mind together. A motion picture drama would be meaningless to them.

"The boy has been sent to the Home for the Feeble-minded; the girl to the Sisters of St. Joseph Home. There wonders can be done for them. Their brains are not defective organically. They will bridge the gap between infancy and maturity in a remarkably brief period, considering their stifled condition.

"The boy particularly impressed me as one who would learn rapidly. But they will never be able to look back upon the childhood of the normal boy and girl."

"This hat cost forty bucks?" says papa with a groan. "A trimmed hat, did you say? It was not trimmed alone. Though nicely trimmed the hat may be, it is no better trimmed than me."